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ABSTRACT

This sourcebook presents a collection of papers focusing on the intellectual property rights (IPR) of indigenous peoples--their rights to protect and control their cultural knowledge. Subsidiary IPR goals are to manage the degree and process by which cultural knowledge is shared with outsiders and, in some instances, to be justly compensated for it. An introductory chapter outlines legal and conceptual questions about intellectual property rights, attitudes of indigenous groups, and practical issues in implementing IPR. Other chapters describe cases in which indigenous groups have asserted their intellectual property rights and discuss efforts of researchers and corporations to develop reciprocal relationships with indigenous communities; acknowledge the role of community cultural knowledge; and provide appropriate compensation (money, education and training, support for conservation). Chapters include: (1) "IPR: A Current Survey" (Tom Greaves); (2) "Gifts from the Creator: Intellectual Property Rights and Folk Crop Varieties" (Daniela Soleri, and others); (3) "Tribal Sovereignty and the Control of Knowledge" (Sandra Lee Pinel, Michael J. Evans); (4) "Collecting Traditional Medicines in Nigeria: A Proposal for IPR Compensation" (Janet McGowan, Iroka Udeinya); (5) "Establishing Reciprocity: Biodiversity, Conservation and New Models for Cooperation between Forest-Dwelling Peoples and the Pharmaceutical Industry" (Steven R. King); (6) "Policies for International Collaboration and Compensation in Drug Discovery and Development at the United States National Cancer Institute: The NCI Letter of Collection" (Gordon M. Cragg, and others); (7) "Biocultural Diversity Conservation through the Healing Forest Conservancy" (Katy Moran); (8) "Buying Secrets: Federal Government Procurement of Intellectual Cultural Property" (David Ruppert); (9) "A Non-Market Approach to Protecting Biological Resources" (Stephen B. Brush); (10) "Natural Products and the Commercialization of Traditional Knowledge" (Sarah Laird); (11) "Between State and Capital: NGOs as Allies of Indigenous Peoples"

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